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EO 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: PDEV, EAID, EAIR, ETRD, NH, UK, FR, US  
SUBJECT: APPROACH BY VANUAAKU PARTY REPRESENTATIVE

REF: SUVA 1161

SUMMARY. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VANUAAKU PARTY (VP)  
HAS APPROACHED CONGEN AUCKLAND REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY  
OF PRE-NEW HEBRIDES INDEPENDENCE TALKS WITH THE USG ON  
VARIOUS SUBJECTS. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 5. END  
SUMMARY.

1. BRIAN JEFFORD, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ADVISORY SERVICES  
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LTD., AUCKLAND, CALLED RECENTLY ON CONGEN WILLIAMS IN  
AUCKLAND CLAIMING TO REPRESENT REV. WALTER H. LINI,  
PRESIDENT OF THE VANUAAKU PEOPLES PROVISIONAL GOVERN-  
MENT (VPPG). JEFFORD PRESENTED A COPY OF A LETTER FROM  
LINI AUTHORIZING JEFFORD TO "OPEN PRELIMINARY TALKS"  
WITH THE UNITED STATES ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING  
POLICING OF THE NEW HEBRIDES FISHERIES ZONE, LANDING

RIGHTS FOR US AIRLINES, AND CREDITS FROM US BANKS.

2. CONGEN WILLIAMS EXPLAINED TO JEFFORD THAT US AUTHORITIES IN NEW ZEALAND ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW HEBRIDES AFFAIRS (EMBASSY SUVA IS) AND POINTED OUT THE DELICACY OF CONTACTS WITH THE VPPG WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONDOMINIUM POWERS, BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

3. JEFFORD REPLIED THAT HE APPRECIATED THESE POINTS, BUT NOTED THAT REV. LINI PREFERRED TO DEAL WITH US AUTHORITIES IN NEW ZEALAND BECAUSE LINI WANTS TO HAVE A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW ZEALAND AND WANTS "AS MANY LINES AS POSSIBLE GOING IN THIS DIRECTION." FURTHERMORE, HE SAID THAT, THOUGH THE FRENCH AND BRITISH COMMISSIONERS ARE UNAWARE OF HIS APPROACH TO US, THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE VPPG FLOUTING THEIR AUTHORITY PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. RATHER, THE VPPG PLANS TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THEM THAT THE VPPG SHOULD BE FREE TO CARRY ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO INDEPENDENCE IN 1980. (JEFFORD LEFT A DRAFT COPY OF A LETTER TO BE SENT BY LINI TO THE CONDOMINIUM COMMISSIONERS WHICH INCLUDES THIS POINT. DRAFT LETTER BEING POUCHED TO STATE, SUVA, USUN, LONDON, AND PARIS.) JEFFORD THEN ASKED FOR SOME REACTION FROM US ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS BEFORE REV. LINI'S DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES:  
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- (A) U.S. ASSISTANCE IN POLICING A TO-BE-DECLARED 200 NM FISHING ZONE, INCLUDING A "LINK" WITH THE U.S. COAST GUARD FOR "TYPES OF CRAFT, TRAINING, ETC." AND A POSSIBLE U.S. COAST GUARD "PRESENCE" IN THE NEW HEBRIDES;
- (B) PROPOSED TALKS WITH EITHER PANAM OR CONTINENTAL AIRLINES REGARDING A GRANT OF LANDING RIGHTS IN RETURN FOR THEIR "ACTIVE PARTICIPATION" IN THE UPGRADING TO HEAVY JET STANDARDS OF BAUER OR LUGANVILLE FIELDS OR ANOTHER SITE;
- (C) PURCHASE OF U.S. "DEVELOPMENT EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE";
- (D) ACCESS TO U.S. MARKETS FOR NEW HEBRIDEAN PRODUCTS; AND
- (E) LOANS BY THE USG OR U.S. COMMERCIAL BANKS OF DOLLARS 20 MILLION FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LINI IS PRESENTLY IN FIJI AND THAT HE INTENDS TO DEPART SHORTLY (POSSIBLY TODAY) FOR NEW YORK ACCOMPANIED BY HIS "INTERIOR MINISTER-DESIGNATE," BARAK ESOPE (SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE VANUAAKU PARTY). ACCORDING TO JEFFORD, LINI IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24 ON AUGUST 7 TO BRIEF ITS MEMBERS ON THE NEW HEBRIDEAN SITUATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSIES SUVA AND WELLINGTON WHAT REPLIES TO MAKE TO JEFFORD AND REV. LINI. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO LEARN WHERE LINI WILL BE STAYING IN NEW YORK IN THE EVENT

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